FOREST DEPARTMENT.

Notification, dated 18th June 1897.

It is hereby notified for general information that the exclusive privilege of collecting Tangadi (*Cassia auriculata*) and Kakke (*Cassia fistula*) barks on all Government unoccupied lands, excluding State Forests and Plantations (which will be separately dealt with) in the undermentioned taluks of the Shimoga district, *from 1st August 1897 to 30th June 1898*, will be sold talukwar by public auction by the District Forest Officer in conjunction with the Deputy Commissioner or other Officer deputed by him, at the Deputy Commissioner's office at Shimoga on the *19th July* 1897.

1. Shimoga (including Kumsi sub-taluk).
2. Channagiri taluk.
3. Honnali taluk.
4. Shikarpur taluk.
5. Sorab taluk.
6. Sagar taluk.
7. Nagar taluk.
8. Tirthahalli taluk.

2. The auction will commence at 2 P. M. on the day of sale, and if the sale is not completed on the same day, it will be continued on the next following day at the same hour.

3. The exclusive privilege above described will be disposed of to the highest bidder, but the sale will be subject to the confirmation of the Deputy Commissioner, who reserves to himself the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason therefor.

4. Parties intending to bid must attend either in person or by duly accredited agents, and no person will be permitted to bid either on his own behalf or on account of any one else, unless he deposits a sum of Rs. 100. The deposits made by the unsuccessful bidders will be returned at the close of sale. The successful bidder shall, within three days after the confirmation of the sale is intimated to him, pay into the Shimoga District Treasury one-fourth of the total rental including the deposit already made. Should he fail to do so, the deposit will be forfeited and the exclusive privilege will be re-sold by the Officers conducting the sale.

5. Re-sale effected under the above para will be at the risk of the defaulting bidder who will forfeit all gain, and in the event of a loss by such re-sale, shall make good the deficiency between the total amount payable by him for the whole period under the terms of the original sale and the total amount payable by the successful bidder at the re-sale.

6. The lessee shall sign an agreement binding himself to observe the conditions below, and it should be executed within five days from the date on which the confirmation of the sale may be intimated to him.

The balance of the lease-amount and local cess at one anna in the rupee on the whole sum shall be payable in three equal khists as follows :—

1st khist on 1st October 1897, 2nd khist on 1st January 1898 and 3rd khist on 1st April 1898.

In the event of any khist not being so paid all collection and removal of the barks will be stopped and the whole of the balance of lease amount will become payable and be recovered as a revenue demand, in addition to forfeiture of the lease.

Conditions.

(1) To bark all shoots whether large or small over one year old.

(2) To prevent the cutting or barking of tender stems, *i. e.*, those under one year old, by his servants or sub-contractors.

(3) To furnish a list of sub-contractors and mestris who may be appointed for the collection of bark in the different working circles.

(4) The barked wood to be the property of the lessee.

(5) To keep accounts showing the quantity of the bark removed in accordance with the lease and to permit inspection of such accounts by the Deputy Commissioner or the District Forest Officer or any other Officer deputed by either of them.

(6) To provide passes for each cart-load of bark in such manner as may be laid down by the District Forest Officer.

(7) To remove out of the limits of the Shimoga district, and before the end of June 1898, all bark cut, collected or stored in the several kotis of the district as well as railway stations.

(8) In the event of breach of any of the above conditions, the lease is liable to be cancelled, all the bark collected and stored up to date to be confiscated, and the whole of the lease amount paid by